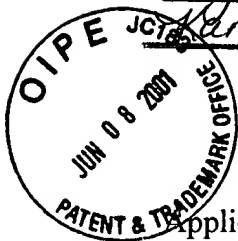


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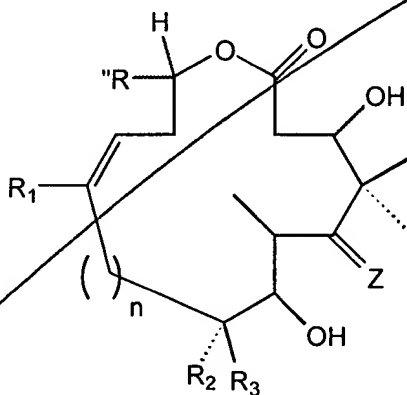
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Currently, claims 1-58, as originally filed on March 13, 2001, are pending. Applicants respectfully request amendment of claim 1, as presented below, and additionally request cancellation of claims 2-58 and the addition of new claims 59-150.

*Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim 1:*

1. A purified compound having the structure:



or a compound having the structure:

*a*